

HOUSE No. 84

Accompanying the twentieth recommendation of the State Treasurer and Receiver General (House, No. 65). Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BENEFITS PAYABLE TO CERTAIN VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1 of Chapter 646 of the Acts of 1968 is hereby amended by striking out the first
2 paragraph, as amended by Chapter 325 of the Acts of 1969 and Chapter 692 of the Acts of 1973,
3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

4 Section 1. Upon application, as hereinafter provided, there shall be allowed and paid out of
5 the Treasury of the Commonwealth without appropriation to each person who shall have served
6 in the armed forces of the United States in active service since July 1st, 1958 and prior to May
7 7th, 1975 and who was discharged or released under honorable conditions from such service the
8 sums hereinafter specified; provided that the domicile of every person on account for whose
9 service the application is filed shall have been in the Commonwealth for a period of not less than
10 six months prior to the time of his entry into the service.

11 1) Three hundred dollars will be provided to each such veteran who performed active service
12 outside the continental limits of the United States in the Vietnam area, as said area is determined
13 by the federal government.

14 2) Two hundred dollars will be provided to each such veteran who performed active service
15 within the continental limits of the United States, or outside the continental limits of the United
16 States in an area other than the Vietnam area, for a period of six months or more.